

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Feast of St. Lucy
 Greening of the Church
 December 22, 2019



SUNDAY, December 22nd Services:
 8 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
 10 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

THANK YOU TO OUR SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, December 22, 2019

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King
 Organist..... Lisa Leigh-Dempsey
 Eucharistic MinisterCarol Guzzo
 Ushers/Greeter.....Craig Flug & Don La Cass
 Acolytes.....Chris Flug
 Lectors Dave Ludwig & Annabelle Felice
 Counters & ClosersDon La Cass



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, December 29, 2019

Celebrant..... Rev. Kathryn L. King
Organist..... Lisa Leigh-Dempsey
Eucharistic MinisterJeanne Sylvester
Ushers/Greeter..... Don La Cass
Acolytes.....Sean Mohamed & Shane Mohamed
LectorsNicholas King & Sierra Mohamed
Counters & ClosersDon La Cass

December 22nd The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- The Feast of St. Lucy Celebration with special visitors.
- Procession and Blessing of the Greens
- All parish greening of the church beginning at 6 PM followed by a heavy hors d'oeuvres for supper/snacking will provided. Come for as long as you can.
- Pageant rehearsal following 10:15 AM Service



**The Eve of the Feast of the Incarnation
Tuesday, December 24th ~ Two Services:**

4:30 PM Festive Holy Eucharist with Pageant

**10 PM Festive Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons and Carols
Candlelight carols at both services**



January 12th The Feast of the Epiphany



- All children are invited to wear king and queen costumes
- Blessing and marking of the doors
- Visitors from Cedar Crest Assisted Living
- Epiphany brunch with guests from Cedar Crest

#1 holiday hack:

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WHEN SHOPPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

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We are collecting canned and dry cat food for God's Creatures Ministry this Christmas. The blue bin is in the narthex.





Calling all girls! St. Lucy Sunday is coming!

On Sunday, December 22nd, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we will once again be marking St. Lucy Sunday and I would LOVE, LOVE, LOVE all the girls to help us celebrate by being part of the St. Lucy procession at both the beginning and end of the service.

St. Lucy is a symbol of the coming of light in the darkness symbolized with a crown of candles on her head. She traditionally wears a white dress with a red ribbon sash. You can create your own costume or girls may

wear white or put on a white angel costume. Red ribbon sashes will be available.

Girls need to arrive at church at 9:45 to get sashes on and join the incoming procession to the Advent wreath. All children will then go to Sunday school and there will be a procession of St. Lucy after communion when they will bring in the traditional wreath of sweet breakfast bread ... which we will all share at coffee hour!

Please make it possible for all the girls to participate in this wonderful Advent tradition. Speak to Rev. Kathryn if you have any questions.



NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR WELCOME!!
Sunday, January 12th, The Feast of the Epiphany (observed)

EPIPHANY DATE CHANGE

Kathryn has just confirmed that she will be having knee surgery on December 31st and will be out until Sunday, January 12th. Therefore, we are transferring our Epiphany celebrations until her return. Thank you!

Guess what?!?!? The residents from Cedar Crest Senior Living, where I do a monthly Eucharist, are coming to St. Alban's on Sunday, January 5th at 10 AM service!! They asked and I said absolutely! I hope that 8-10 of the regulars (typically about 18) will be able to come by Cedar Crest transport bus. They are SO EXCITED! They want to see our church so Epiphany will be the perfect time. The church will still be decorated for the Christmas season, the kids will don crowns and king / queen costumes, the choirs will be singing, we will bless and chalk the door, offer the take-home house blessing kits, and then host the festive Epiphany Star coffee hour which we will ramp up a bit to include breakfast casseroles. This is an AWESOME opportunity for us to welcome this senior population and offer them the gift of hospitality. Mark your calendars for another this great day in the Advent / Christmas / Epiphany cycle! More information will be coming!

Blessings! Kathryn+



The Finance Committee and Vestry are in the process of preparing the budget for 2020. It is so important for everyone to join us in our campaign to support the mission and ministry of St. Alban's with a financial pledge for 2020. The amount of your pledge is completely up to you and confidential. It is our challenge and privilege to return to God a portion of the gifts entrusted to us. It is an essential part of our faith journey so please join in making a pledge and being part of the planning and support of the ministries of St. Alban's Church. We cannot do it without each and every one of us offering our gifts of time, talent and treasure!

Your Vestry and Finance Committee

Alleluia Fund for Outreach



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The Alleluia Fund for Outreach is a vital diocesan ministry. By supporting the Alleluia Fund with your financial contribution, you join Episcopalians across the Diocese who are generously responding to our sisters and brothers in need. As donors to the Alleluia Fund for Outreach, we are able to accomplish things that would likely be impossible for us to do as individual Christians. Food pantries, after school programs, shelters for those most vulnerable, and critically needed international programs – all these are among the vital ministries of our Alleluia Fund partners.

Grace and peace,

Carlye J. Hughes
Bishop of Newark

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Or by check to: Alleluia Fund, c/o Diocese of Newark, 31 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102 or by text to 844-982-0152 and follow the prompts to make your donation.



Principal Sean Bowe and school nurse Barbara Verga of Dogwood Hills School in Oakland surrounded by the gifts generously provided by the faith of St. Alban's. These gifts are a tangible sign of one of the countless ways we seek and serve Christ in our neighbors. Thank you to all who have helped to provide a joyful Christmas to 19 Oakland students and their families in addition to 5 children in Paterson through the St. Paul's Community Development Center and 5 additional youth from 2 families from the greater Oakland area.



Amahl and the Night Visitors is a timeless story of the power of faith and the meaning of love. The one-act opera tells the story of Amahl, a poor crippled boy, who lives with his mother in a village somewhere on the road to Bethlehem. When the Three Kings following the star in the East seek shelter for the night, the lives of Amahl and his mother are changed forever.

Two performances:
Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 5pm
Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 5pm
Admission is free

High Mountain Presbyterian Church
703 Franklin Lakes Road, Franklin Lakes
(just east of the circle at Market Basket)

Kathryn highly recommends seeing this production if you can!!



RAMAPO-BERGEN ANIMAL REFUGE, INC.

2 Shelter Lane - Oakland, NJ 07436

Phone (201) 337-5180

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www.rbari.org

December 2019

St. Albans Episcopal Church
1 Church Lane
Oakland, NJ 07436

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers and, most importantly, the rescued animals at the Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge, Inc., **I want to sincerely thank you for your generous donation of \$68.00 from your fantastic homemade applesauce sales. Save some for us! We are so grateful for your kind gift.** Over the past year, gifts like yours have powered efforts to rescue over 600 dogs and cats and place them in loving forever homes.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding RBARI or how your donation will impact the lives of our rescues. Your support allows us to care for the animals entrusted to our care. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and humanity allowing us to save more lives.

Sincerely,

Megan Brinster
Executive Director
Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge, Inc.

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